

PM Conformity Hot Spot Analysis Project Summary Form for Interagency Consultation

The purpose of this form is to provide sufficient information to allow the Transportation Conformity Working Group (TCWG) to determine if a project requires a project-level PM hot spot analysis pursuant to Federal Conformity Regulations.

The form is not required under the following circumstances:

1. The project sponsor determines that a project-level PM hot spot analysis is required or otherwise elects to perform the analysis; or
2. The project does not require a project-level PM hot spot analysis since it:
 - a. Is exempt pursuant to 40 CFR 93.126; or
 - b. Is a traffic signal synchronization project under 40 CFR 93.128; or
 - c. Uses no Federal funds AND requires no Federal approval; or
 - d. Is located in a Federal PM attainment area (note: PM10 and PM2.5 areas differ).

Projects other than those listed above may or may not need a project-level PM hot spot analysis depending on whether it is considered a "Project of Air Quality Concern" (POAQC), and should be brought before the TCWG for a determination.

It is the responsibility of the project sponsor to ensure that the form is filled out completely and provides a sufficient level of detail for the TCWG to make an informed decision on whether or not a project requires a project-level PM hot spot analysis. For example, the TCWG will be reviewing the effects of the project, and thus part of the required information includes build/no build traffic data. It is also the responsibility of the project sponsor to ensure a representative is available to discuss the project at the TCWG meeting if necessary.

Instructions:

- 1) Fill out form in its entirety. Enter information in gray input fields.**
- 2) Be sure to include RTIP ID#. See <http://scag.ca.gov/rtip/> if necessary.**
- 3) Submit completed form to your local Transportation Commission who will submit it to the MPO. Caltrans projects can be submitted by Caltrans District representative S.**

The TCWG meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at SCAG Headquarters, 818 W. 7th Street, 12th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017. Participation is also available via teleconference. Call (213) 236-1800 prior to meeting to get the call-in number and pass-code.

Forms must be submitted by the second Tuesday of the month to be considered at that month's TCWG meeting.

REFERENCE

Criteria for Projects of Air Quality Concern (40 CFR 93.123(b)(4)) – PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} Hot Spots

- (i) New or expanded highway projects that have a significant number of or significant increase in diesel vehicles;
- (ii) Projects affecting intersections that are at Level-of-Service D, E, or F with a significant number of diesel vehicles, or those that will change to Level-of-Service D, E, or F because of increased traffic volumes from a significant number of diesel vehicles related to the project;
- (iii) New bus and rail terminals and transfer points that have a significant number of diesel vehicles congregating at a single location;
- (iv) Expanded bus and rail terminals and transfer points that significantly increase the number of diesel vehicles congregating at a single location; and
- (v) Projects in or affecting locations, areas, or categories of sites which are identified in the PM₁₀ or PM_{2.5} applicable implementation plan or implementation plan submission, as appropriate, as sites of violation or possible violation.

Links to more information:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/conform.htm>

<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/index.htm>

TABLE 1
Type of Project

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New state highway• Change to existing state highway• New regionally significant street• Change to existing regionally significant street• New interchange• Reconfigure existing interchange• Intersection channelization• Intersection signalization• Roadway realignment• Bus, rail, or inter-modal facility/terminal/transfer point• Truck weight/inspection station• At or affects location identified in the SIP as a site of actual or possible violation of NAAQS |
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RTIP ID# <i>(required)</i>				
TCWG Consideration Date				
Project Description <i>(clearly describe project)</i>				
Type of Project <i>(use Table 1 on instruction sheet)</i>				
County	Narrative Location/Route & Postmiles			
	Caltrans Projects – EA#			
Lead Agency:				
Contact Person	Phone#	Fax#	Email	
Hot Spot Pollutant of Concern <i>(check one or both)</i> PM2.5 PM10				
Federal Action for which Project-Level PM Conformity is Needed <i>(check appropriate box)</i>				
Categorical Exclusion (NEPA)	EA or Draft EIS	FONSI or Final EIS	PS&E or Construction	Other
Scheduled Date of Federal Action:				
NEPA Delegation-Assignment – Project Type <i>(check appropriate box)</i>				
Exempt	Section 6004-326 – Categorical Exemption		Section 6005-327 – Non-Categorical Exemption	
Current Programming Dates <i>(as appropriate)</i>				
	PE/Environmental	ENG	ROW	CON
Start				
End				

Project Purpose and Need (Summary): <i>(attach additional sheets as necessary)</i>
Surrounding Land Use/Traffic Generators <i>(especially effect on diesel traffic)</i>
Opening Year: Build and No Build LOS, AADT, % and # trucks, truck AADT of proposed facility
RTP Horizon Year / Design Year: Build and No Build LOS, AADT, % and # trucks, truck AADT of proposed facility

<p>Opening Year: If facility is an interchange(s) or intersection(s), Build and No Build cross-street AADT, % and # trucks, truck AADT</p> <p>RTP Horizon Year / Design Year: If facility is an interchange (s) or intersection(s), Build and No Build cross-street AADT, % and # trucks, truck AADT</p>
<p>Describe potential traffic redistribution effects of congestion relief <i>(impact on other facilities)</i></p>
<p>Comments/Explanation/Details <i>(attach additional sheets as necessary)</i></p>